

# Department of Public Safety

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Pre-proposal teleconference Community Based Primary Prevention Programs Grant Questions and Answers:

#### REVIEW:

The Community Based Primary Prevention Program Grant funds are one time only, time limited and specific to the primary prevention of SA, IPV and/or Teen Dating Violence. Successful applicants will have nine months (October 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) to implement, complete and evaluate their projects. CDVSA hopes that potential applicants consider these limitations when making final decisions on whether or not to submit an application.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE:**

The notice of intent day and date did not match. Will late notice of intent letters be accepted?

### Answer:

No. The notice of intent form has the correct day and date and an email message was sent out to correct the on-line information.

## **MATCH:**

Question:

Does foundation funding count as match?

Answer:

Yes.

Question:

Can we use funding from our Rural Community Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault award as match for the purposes of this award?

Answer:

No. RCDVSA funds are state resources and may not be used for Match.

Ouestion:

What all can be used as match?

Answer:

Cash; In-kind; local/municipal and/or foundation funds.

Question:

How will match be calculated?

Answer:

Match will be calculated at 15% of the total award.

Total Grant Award Requested Amount x 15% = Total Proposed Match

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

Question:

Are applicants supposed to identify short term outcomes for this project?

### Answer:

Yes, applicants should include their community's long-term plan for prevention and short-term outcomes for this project. Each community is at a different level of prevention planning and is implementing different strategies so outcomes will vary community by community. Goals and outcomes for new population(s) and setting(s) are intended to be added into existing community plans for prevention. We expect that goals and objectives for prevention will be different for each applicant and will be dependent on the type of prevention strategy being expanded upon.

Question:

Will the state be providing common outcome measures for all sites at a later date?

Answer:

Yes. The state is planning to provide common outcome measures at a later date and training will be provided.

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## Question:

The RFP asks that existing prevention efforts expand to include (at least) one new population and one new setting. Are we required to expand into a new layer of the Social Ecological Model (SEM) as well?

#### Answer:

Applicants are required to include (at least) one new population and one new setting to an existing strategy. We encourage expansion across new layer(s) of the SEM but it is not required.

## Question:

Does the expansion need to be for an evidenced based strategy?

#### Answer:

No. HOWEVER-the expansion must be attached to a practice informed/promising practice approach. When expanding on a strategy that has not been evaluated nationally or statewide applicants must explain why this strategy was chosen and how it has been working in your community, i.e., (how is it being implemented; evaluated and identify promising outcomes).

## Question:

Can we use a logic model when responding to the Goals and Objective section?

#### Answer:

Yes. Logic models are acceptable include in this section-however they must be accompanied by narrative and clearly explain the process.

### **COALTIONS and MOU's**

### Question:

If your community has a broad (umbrella) health/wellness coalition that has sub-committees working specifically on the primary prevention of SA, IPV and/or TDV does that coalition structure meet the criteria for this RFP?

#### Answer:

Yes, Alaska is a large state with a small population. Most communities cannot sustain multiple coalitions; rather they have umbrella coalitions to address community health and wellness with subcommittees to address specific topics. This type of coalition structure is allowable.

### Question:

Will an MOU's with signatures from a community based umbrella coalition meet the criteria?

#### Answer:

In the instance where your community has an umbrella wellness coalition with subcommittees to address the specific topics of the primary prevention of SA, IPV and/or TDV then you should include the MOU for your coalition and also include the meeting minutes, attendance sheets and other supporting documents verifying committee efforts to address, plan for and implement primary prevention programming in your area.

## Question:

If our community has a specific prevention coalition and an MOU for that coalition do we need separate MOU's from each of our partners or will the signed MOU for the prevention coalition meet the requirement?

#### Answer:

In communities were coalitions are designed specifically to address the primary prevention of SA, IPV and/or TDV the MOU for such a coalition does meet the criteria for this RFP. Make sure that your coalition MOU clearly outlines the responsibilities of each partner etc.

## **NEW APPLICANTS:**

## Question:

Are recipients of the Rural Community Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Program grants (now being administered by CDVSA) required to apply as new applicants?

#### Answer:

Applicants who receive both CDVSA victim service funds and RCDVSA funds do not need to apply as new applicants.

Applicants who currently receive CDVSA victim service funds only do not need to apply as new applicants.

Applicants who are current RCDVSA recipients who provided all of the identified documents listed in this section when originally applying for the RCDVSA award will not have to re-submit those documents and will not have to apply to this RFP as new applicants.

\*This information will be verified with the former administrator from Behavioral Health. Applicants will be notified if required documents listed in the new RFP are missing and must provide the missing documentation.

BUDGET:
Question:
Can these funds be used to support or build primary prevention programming in new communities? For example, Fairbanks is a hub community and oversees a number of rural areas. Can these funds be used to bring prevention into these areas?
Answer:
No. These funds are intended to build on existing community programming for primary prevention.
Question:
If we have an existing staff position for prevention funded under a different source how do we show this on the budget forms and in the budget narrative.
Answer:
The budget detail is specific to funds awarded through the CBP program only. So-if you have a prevention staff funded under a different source you would not list them in the budget detail (excel spreadsheet).
You WOULD list them in your budget narrative (no form provided). You would explain in your budget narrative your prevention staff and note if they are full or part-time positions and explain how they are funded.
Question:
Should we budget in travel specific to this RFP
Answer:
No-there are no existing plans for an in-person gathering related to this award.
Question:
What type of travel is allowable?

Answer:

Travel for professional development in the field of primary prevention is allowable. Please provide detailed justification in your narrative.

## Question:

In Anchorage we have two funded CDVSA programs and are planning to apply jointly for these funds. It is anticipated that we will subcontract with our agency partner and the contract will exceed the allowable 10%.

#### Answer:

Please explain the reason the contract line exceeds 10% of the overall budget in your narrative. This is an allowable expenditure and CDVSA-staff will contact individual applicants if further clarification is required.

## Question:

Do we need to budget for the state provided evaluator for this project?

#### Answer:

No. CDVSA will contract with a researcher/evaluator to oversee the overarching evaluation plan for this project.

\*Applicants are encouraged to contract with a locally based researcher/evaluator to assist with their local prevention project plan/evaluation.

### **EVALUATION:**

#### Ouestion:

Can we use an existing community based evaluation for this project?

#### Answer:

Yes! The intent of this program is to assist communities with existing prevention plans and evaluations expand their and become more comprehensive in their efforts. Communities with existing prevention evaluations are encouraged to revise them to include new work initiated through this award. Programs are encouraged to contract with a local evaluator for technical assistance on their evaluation plan.

# **INDIRECT COSTS:**

Question:

Will this award recognize federally negotiated indirect costs?

Answer:

No